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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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FOR: TRANSPORTATION APPARATUS :  
AND DRIVE MECHANISM :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.